

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 5, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE2003/002578, filed July 31, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10238546.7 filed August 22, 2002, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 5, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a method for providing resources in communication networks.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 5, after the newly added paragraph, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 5 line 29, as follows:

The document EP 0 964 334 A2 McNally et al. "System, method and computer program product for resource discovery in a distributed computing environment" shows an arrangement and a method for finding and using resources in computer networks. In this case, search programs ("discovery agents") are sent in the computer network which are placed in the computers for execution and which search these computers for characteristics (hardware, software) which are a requirement for the execution of particular software. If the respective computer's characteristics mean that it has the requirement for executing the software in question, this software is transferred to the computer and is executed there, which means that the computer then provides the resource formed by the software in the computer network.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 5 line 37, as follows:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 6 lines 6-7, as follows:

This object is achieved ~~by the claims for a method by the features specified in claim 1.~~

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 6 lines 9-22, as follows:

To achieve this object, a service, upon use of a resource on a first communication component by a second communication component, checks this second communication component for whether this second communication component can also provide this resource, and if the result of the check is positive it initiates the transfer of this software from the first communication component to the second communication component and provides the resource for use. This copies resources of a frequently used type frequently and sets them up increasingly in the network, these resources provided again using hardware which is already present in the network but has not been used to date. Communication components which are not utilized to the full extent are automatically equipped with software, which means that free capacities can be used appropriately a service checks the hardware of at least one of the communication components for whether a piece of software can provide a resource on this communication component, and if the result of the check is positive this resource-specific software is transferred to this communication component and the resource is provided for use. This copies resources of a frequently used type frequently, and these resources provided again use hardware which is already present in the network but has not been used to date. Communication components which are not utilized to the full extent are automatically equipped with software, which means that free capacities can be used appropriately.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 6 lines 24-25, as follows:

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The features of the dependent subclaims advantageously provide further refinements of the invention.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 8 line 22, as follows:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 9 line 4, as follows:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--**